



Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

May 11, 2011

RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

My name is Neil Horikoshi and I serve as the President and Executive Director of the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF), a national association that provides opportunities for college-eligible students of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage to realize their dreams of attaining a post-secondary education. In many instances, the students who receive our assistance and support are the first in their families to enter into a college, university or vocational institution.

When we established APIASF nearly six years ago, we lacked the leadership, financial resources, and political will to develop a national institution that could support the growing need for financial aid, mentorships, community advocacy and civic engagement. Fortunately, we were able to find corporate leaders such as AT&T, Coca-Cola and McDonald's to recognize the need for scholarships and financial aid early – allowing us to establish APIASF in only a few short years.

Since our founding, APIASF has been able to award hundreds of scholarships to needy, but deserving Asian and Pacific Islander American students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the island areas of American Samoa, Guam, Tonga and other freely associated Pacific Islander countries. In fact, APIASF is the only nonprofit national organization devoted solely to the educational interests and needs of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans. We attribute our success to the hard work and dedication of our corporate and community board members and outstanding staff.



Recently, AT&T announced its plans to acquire T-Mobile USA from Deutsche Telekom. When I heard about this acquisition, I immediately recognized an opportunity for AT&T to extend and improve their network offerings for their business, nonprofit and residential customers. As a product of a large corporation, I have witnessed first-hand how smart acquisitions can lead to stronger product offerings, greater service choices and lower overall costs for consumers. Furthermore, after reviewing all of the facts, I believe this acquisition will not reduce competition, but enhance it. It is clear that there is a wide array of exceptional choices for consumers in all areas of telecom, wireless, and broadband. None of these options should be impacted negatively by AT&T's planned acquisition of T-Mobile.

Additionally, since AT&T has a committed supplier diversity program, I anticipate more opportunities for women and minority-owned and operated businesses to support a joint AT&T-T-Mobile venture. AT&T is one of only a few communication companies with an active and viable supplier diversity program.

Finally, I wish to strongly endorse the acquisition because AT&T has, and continues to be, an exemplary corporate citizen. AT&T and its executives, directors and senior managers, have been engaged in community and civic service in the greater Asian and Pacific Islander American communities for more than 18 years. This includes the support of company executives such as Ms. Anne Chow, SVP of AT&T's Premier Client Group, who has served on our board since its founding, as well as the advice and counsel we have received over the years from Mr. David Lin, Executive Director of External Affairs, at AT&T.

Thank you for your anticipated support for AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile USA. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Neil Horikoshi', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Neil Horikoshi
President & Executive Director
Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund